

Borough of Liskeard
Annual Report of the
Medical Officer of Health

To the Mayor and Members
of the
Corporation of the Borough of Liskeard

I hereby present my Report for the year 1945
This report is very brief, consisting chiefly of Statistics.

The chief item of interest is that you have instructed a well known firm of Civil Engineers to report on the present unsatisfactory sewage disposal and to submit plans for an up-to-date Scheme.

Water Supply

The Filtering and Chlorinating Plants have been functioning very satisfactorily throughout the year.

The results of periodic Bacteriological examination of the water have been excellent.

Scavenging, Collection of House Refuse

All the above have been carried out with great difficulty owing to the shortage of labour. The Refuse dump, just outside the main Residential Area, was on fire for a very considerable time.

There were many complaints from people in nearby houses.

Slaughter Houses

Only one Slaughter House has been in operation.

The Ministry of Food have been in charge of this.

The Meat Disposal Depot, attached to this Slaughter House, distributes meat to the Boroughs of Liskeard and Lostwithiel, the Rural Districts of Liskeard and St. Germans, and the Urban Districts of Looe and Torpoint.

Meat Inspections

No. of Animals slaughtered - 7928

Meat and Offal condemned - 7 tons 9 cwt.

Housing

There is considerable overcrowding and there are several unfit houses.

A recent survey by the Borough Surveyor showed that 95 houses are incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost and that an additional 65 houses are sub-standard.

Much of this overcrowding has been caused by people from bombed out areas, especially from Plymouth.

It has been impossible to deal properly with this overcrowding owing to the serious shortage of houses.

The Councils programme is for 140 permanent houses and 25 Prefabricated Bungalows.

This could ease the situation very considerably.

The following Notices have been issued during the year.

1 Demolition Order

1 Closing Order

1 Notice to Repair

Statistics and Social Conditions

Area of the Borough	= 2704 acres
The Registrar General's estimate of the Resident population 1945	= 4242
Number of Inhabited Houses	= 1,215
Rateable Value of the Borough	= £31,071
The Sum represented by a penny rate	= £128-13-8

Vital Statistics

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	35	23	58
Illegitimate	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Live Births	38	28	66

The Birth Rate per 1000 of population = 15.56

Birth Rate for England and Wales = 16.1

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	32	37	69

Death Rate per 1000 of estimated population for 1945 = 16.27

The Death Rate for England and Wales for 1945 = 11.4

There were no deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal Causes

There were 6 Infant Deaths under one year.

Death Rate of Infants under one year :-

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| (1) All Infants per 1000 Live Births | = 90.91 |
| (2) Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births | = 90.91 |
| (3) Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate births | = nil |

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	= 14
" " Measles (all ages)	= nil
" " Whooping Cough	= nil
" " Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	= nil


Chief Causes of Death at all ages :-

Diseases of Heart and Blood Vessels	= 19
Cancer	= 14
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	= 10
Respiratory Diseases	= 6
Nephritis	= 7
Tuberculosis	= 1
Suicide and Deaths from Violence	= 2
Congenital Debility, premature Birth etc	= 4
Diabetes	= nil
Influenza	= 1

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

during the year 1945

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Small-pox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Pneumonia	8	4	-
Malaria	1	-	-
Measles	92	-	-
Whooping Cough	17	-	-



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Tuberculosis

Age Periods	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths</u>	
	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-
25	-	2	-	-
35	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-

With the exception of an epidemic of measles in the early part of the year the general health of the Borough has been very good and I have nothing further to report.

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